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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/815,560

Applicant(s)

JUELS ET AL.

Examiner

David Y. Jung

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Because the proposed amendments filed after final Office Action were not entered, claims 1-71 remain presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant is thanked for arguments. The discussion of the phrase "error-correcting codes" seems to have raised a misunderstanding. The term "error correcting code" is a term of the art. The term usually refers to the portion of any code that is used to handle potential of any errors arising during any computing or any communication or any other information handling. Some codes use all parts of the code for error correction, and others do not; some codes do not have a separate portion devoted explicitly for error correction, and other codes do have a separate portion devoted explicitly for error correction. Note, for instance, Reed-Solomon codes. All codes that carry information allow for potential of errors.

Applicant may mean something entirely different for term "error correcting code." Instead of a code that carries information to and from portions of computing/communication, Applicant may merely mean a code that corrects errors. In this meaning, Applicant may even mean a code that corrects human errors in transcription/typing. If this (Applicant means something different than was interpreted by the Office) is true, then a further clarification and/or a further Office Action is necessary.

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The Office respectfully requests explanation, amendment or any other appropriate action regarding these issues. Because these issues do not appear to have been clearly raised in the previous Office Actions, this Office Action is made NON-final.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims remain rejected as noted in the previous Office Actions.

Conclusion

Points of Contact

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Greg Morse whose telephone number is (571) 272-3838.

David Jung

Patent Examiner

4/3/06

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Jung', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.